

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:****Pages S12911–13****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S12913–68****Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S12968****Privileges of the Floor: Page S12968**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today.  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12969.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the Federal role in overseeing the safety of public transportation systems, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; David J. Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Brian Cristy, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Boston; and John B. Catoe, Jr., Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and William Millar, American Public Transportation Association, Washington, D.C.

### DATA-DRIVEN PERFORMANCE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine data-driven performance, focusing on using technology to deliver results, after receiving testimony from Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer and Associate Director for Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer, Administrator for Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology; and Brad Douglas, Georgia Department of Administrative Services Commissioner, Atlanta.

### FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety initiatives, after receiving testimony from Randolph Babbitt, Administrator, Fed-

eral Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

### GRID-SCALE ENERGY STORAGE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of grid-scale energy storage in meeting our energy and climate goals, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Koonin, Under Secretary for Science, Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Robert McGrath, Deputy Laboratory Director, Science and Technology, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and Elliot Mainzer, Executive Vice President, Corporate Strategy, Bonneville Power Administration, all of the Department of Energy; Ralph D. Masiello, KEMA, Inc., Chalfont, Pennsylvania; and Kenneth Huber, PJM Interconnection, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 373, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species *Python* genera as an injurious animal, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1214, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1421, to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp;

S. 1519, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States;

S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine;

H.R. 509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004;

H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands;

H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act;